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SUBJ: ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE ON TV RECEIVERS

REF: (A) STATE 062736 (B) 75 CANBERRA 2513

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (A) EMBASSY PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION ON GOA ACTIONS TO RESTRICT IMPORTS OF TV
RECEIVERS.

2. IN 1975, AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY DUTY OF 10 PERCENT
AD VALOREM WAS IMPOSED ON MONOCHROME TV RECEIVERS WITH A
SCREEN SIZE EXCEEDING 41 CENTIMETERS, BRINGING TOTAL DUTY
TO 45 PERCENT AD VALOREM (SEE REF B). THIS ACTION FOLLOWED
GOA'S ACCEPTANCE OF A TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA)
REPORT ON CONSUMER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS.
IN SAME REPORT, TAA RECOMENDED THAT NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY
TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY AGAINST IMPORTS OF COLOR TV
RECEIVERS AND MONOCHROME RECEIVERS OF LESS THAN 41 CENTI-
METERS AND THESE RECEIVERS ARE CURRENTLY DUTIABLE AT A RATE
OF 35 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

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3. QUESTION OF LONG TERM ASSISTANCE TO MANUFACTURERS OF
MONOCHROME TV RECEIVERS (ALL SIZES), WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REF-
ERRED TO INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC) FOR STUDY
AND REPORT. IN DRAFT REPORT WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN RE-
LEASED, IAC HAS RECOMMENDED THAT FOR APERIOD OF THREE YEARS
FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION, IMPORTS OF MONOCHROME TV RECEIVERS

BE DUTIABLE AT 35 PERCENT, IMPORTS THEREAFTER BE DUTIABLE AT MINIMUM RATES (I.E. FREE OF DUTY). A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMMENT ON IAC RECOMMENDATIONS. FINAL IAC REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED TO GOA AND EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE IN DRAFT REPORT. A COPY OF THE IAC DRAFT REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON IF REQUESTED.

4. THERE ARE NOT VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS EXISTING BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

5. IMPORT DATA AS FOLLOWS:

A. MONOCHROME TV RECEIVERS: FY73 - 554 UNITS; FY74- 7,516 UNITS; FY75 - 249,855 UNITS; FY76 - 187,999 UNITS. SUPPLIERS FY76 - JAPAN (35.5 PCT); TAIWAN (7.7 PCT); SINGAPORE (6.8 PCT).

B. COLOR TV RECEIVERS: FY75 - 294,947 UNITS; FY76 - 327,620 UNITS. NO STATISTICS AVAILABLE FOR YEARS PRIOR TO FY75 (COLOR TV TRANSMISSION BEGAN IN AUSTRALIA ON MARCH 1, 1975). LEADING SUPPLIERS FY76 - JAPAN (94.7 PCT); HONG KONG (2 PCT); TAIWAN (1.5 PCT).
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